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TELEGRAMS.

THE ULSTER CRISIS.

LOBBY OPINION.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received March 28.
The prevailing opinion in the Lobby is that the issue of the new Army Order is intended not merely to permanently settle questions of discipline, but to condone past errors, since it is believed that Sir John French and General Ewart will withdraw their resignations and the talk of disciplinary measures against Officers will be dropped.

A Lull.

There is a lull in political activities. The Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and Members of Parliament are spending the week-end golfing in the country.

Lloyd-Georgeisms.

Mr. Lloyd George on Saturday evening handed to a deputation of Young Liberals the following message:—"Democracy is on her trial. On the courage and resolution of the friends of liberty depends the question whether the country will remain free or be enslaved by Military despotism."

A Storm Expected.

It is expected that the Parliamentary storm will be renewed to-morrow (Monday). A conference of the Unionist leaders yesterday issued a list of searching questions covering all events leading up to the crisis. These questions are to be asked in the House of Lords and there will probably be a prolonged debate. Lord Curzon will question Lord Morley regarding his share in the repudiated paragraphs in the instructions sent to General Paget.

Later.

The opinion is now strengthening that Sir John French and General Ewart will refuse to withdraw their resignations.

Mr. Reginald McKenna (Home Secretary) is now mentioned as the likely successor to Colonel Seely, with Mr. Lewis Harcourt remaining at the Colonial Office.

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A Labour Statement.

London, Received March 30.

Mr. W. Brans, Labour M.P. for Glamorgan South, speaking at Cardiff, stated that if the new Unionist doctrine with reference to the Army were to stand it would be the duty of the Railwaymen's Union to use half a million of their funds for the purchase of arms and ammunition. Mr. Thomas announced at Birmingham that the Companies had appointed a Committee to meet the Executive of the Nation of Railwaymen to discuss the whole situation. This is the first time the Companies have recognised the Union.

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THE SUFFRAGISTS.

INCENDIARISM IN IRELAND.

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CHURCH OUTRAGES.

LEADER SENTENCED.

London, Received March 28.

Reuter's New York correspondent says Mr. Tannenbaum, the leader of the unemployed who have been raiding the churches, has been sentenced to imprisonment for a year.

CHANCE FOR A CRUSOE.

Island For Sale With Oysters Galore.

Anyone fond of sunshine, solitude, and a small haven with strange yearnings an advertisement in the Times offering for sale one of the Bahamas islands, in the West Indies.

The island is known as Great Whale Cay, and as an extra inducement four little islands, Little Whale Cay, Pigeon Cay, Gaulting Cay, and Vigilant Cay, are thrown in. The price is \$4,000, and the purchaser acquires 4,000 cocoa-nut trees, 200 acres of sisal grass (from which hemp is obtained), a house with every modern convenience, including electric light, and enough oysters to celebrate a daily Colchester feast.

The manner of the coming of the present owner to the island, nine years ago, as given by the Colonial Exchange and Land Agency, who are making the arrangements for the sale, was romantic. A plucky young Englishman and his wife landed on Great Whale Cay when it was a desert. They were the population of the island until a mulatto appeared as a "Man Friday." He assisted them in building a little house, to take the place of their canvas home. With the aid of a further introduction of mulattoes they developed the island, which with its cocoa-nut—sufficient for a perpetual bank holiday—and its sisal is now quite a commercial proposition. Motor-boat to "The Pictures." The owner has accepted a Government appointment in Africa, for one of his reasons for giving up the island is that it offered few educational possibilities for his children.

The man who buys the island becomes a law unto himself. Here there are no Insurance Act, no rates and taxes. You say to one of your mulattoes, "Sam bring me oysters." He brings them in profusion from the natural oyster beds. There are all kinds of nuts. There are fish in plenty, and sheep graze lazily on the hillsides. In the winter the sun shines all day and the sea is gloriously blue. And if the owner becomes bored there is a picture palace at Nassau, thirty miles north-west of Great Whale Cay, which can be reached by motorboat. It is a great place in which to play Robinson Crusoe, remarks the Mail.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

REBEL SUCCESS.

London, Received March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Juarez states General Villa wires that virtually all of Torreón is in the hands of the rebels.

BILLIARDS.

INMAN CHAMPION.

London, Received March 28.

The Billiards Championship has been won by Inman, who completed his score of 18,000 when Reece had reached 12,828.

VOLUNTEER DINNER.

Sergeants Mess Held a Successful Function.

The annual dinner in connection with the Sergeants' Mess of the Hongkong Volunteers was held on Saturday evening at the Volunteers' Headquarters. Sergeant Major Higby presiding over a large attendance amongst whom were:—Lt. Col. Chapman, Major McDonald, Major Pritchard, Staff Officer Skrimshire, Captain Wood, Armstrong, Stewart and Churchill, Surgeon-Lt. Black and Lt. Kennett.

After the usual loyal toast had been honoured the Chairman submitted that of "Our Officers" at the presence of such a large number of whom he expressed great pleasure. The past year had been one of the most successful in the history of the corps and he was of the opinion that a great deal of that success was due to the way in which the officers turned up to camp and carried out their duties in connection with the company.

Lt. Col. Chapman replying said it would be a sorry day when the annual dinner of the Sergeants' mess was discontinued. With regard to what Sergeant Major Higby had said about the officers, he was sure it would be a matter of great gratification to him to know that every officer in the corps attended the camp. They had done excellent work and there had been improvements in every department especially in the artillery batteries.

The toast of "The Visitors" was in the hands of Sergeant Bullock who dwelt on the importance of everybody becoming a member of the volunteers.

Major Pritchard, in response, said it was seven years since he gave up the corps, but he was very glad to see so many faces that he knew among the red, blue and black coats. He hoped that the force would muster strongly for the annual inspection and turn out, as they always did, to the satisfaction of the general officer commanding. Mr. F. T. Chapple also replied on behalf of the visitors.

On the proposal of the chairman, who remarked that they were the best men it was possible to get, the "Instructors" were duly honoured.

Sergeant Major Morgan R. E. in a humorous reply referred to the results of the examinations for the past year and said that they often had clerks who wanted to be engine drivers, and it was an awful job to drive a clerk to becoming an engine driver. They did it however, and he was pleased with the number of certificates that had been obtained.

The chairman replying to the toast of the "Sergeants' Mess" which had been honoured on the proposition of Major McDonald, said that when he first joined the corps, there was no sergeant's mess but though the instrument

TELEGRAMS.

THE BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE WON EASILY.

London, Received March 29.

Cambridge won the University Boat Race easily by 4 lengths. Cambridge led throughout, and negotiated the course in 20min. 23secs.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

Presentation to Mr. Braidwood on His Departure.

On Saturday there was an interesting presentation in the Ellis Kadoorie School. On the occasion of the departure for home of the late Headmaster, Mr. Braidwood, the teachers and the scholars presented him with a handsome silver tray and a case of finger bowls. Mr. Chan Ming, the head Chinese vernacular master, made a complementary speech in Chinese which was loudly cheered by the boys, after which Mr. Chan Sing u, one of the Anglo-Chinese masters, made a speech in which he said that Mr. Braidwood's connection with Hongkong extended over 28 years and during all that time he had been interested in education, while his connection with the Kadoorie School dated from its commencement. He knew that the Society would feel Mr. Braidwood's loss and he said that they could not let him depart without letting him know that they were sorry that he was retiring, and they would like him to accept that tray and these finger bowls to remind him in the old scenes to which he was returning, of the Ellis Kadoorie School and Hongkong.

Mr. Braidwood replied in a very happy vein, taking as the subject of his speech the history of the society in Hongkong. He showed how they had started in a very small way, both in the pretensions of the Buildings and in the number of pupils and how they had gradually increased the number of students and how the building was now one of the best in the Colony for its purpose.

He amplified this and then gave some very good advice to the students and impressed on them the fact that they must learn in the course of their schooling to be gentlemen and to show their friends who had not had the benefit of a European Education that it meant something more than mere cramming and that they had a certain hall-mark that marked them off from the rabble.

In thanking them for the handsome presents that they had given him he said that they would have the place of honour in his house as long as he had a house and that he felt the parting too much to be able to say very much more. Mr. Braidwood was very much affected at parting with the school. His speech was loudly cheered and the cheers that were given to help him on his way were of the best.

At the conclusion of the racing an adjournment was made to the Clubhouse where the two cups were presented by Lady May to the winners—His Excellency The Governor who took the first place and Mr. A. Bane who came in second.

In asking Lady May to make the presentation, Mr. Smyth congratulated His Excellency on winning. After many years of failure His Excellency had won the prize. From his view of the race he thought His Excellency deserved to win and he desired to congratulate him heartily on his success.

Lady May, in handing the Cup to His Excellency, remarked amid laughter that she had much pleasure in handing the cup to him which she believed he had won for the first time.

Mr. Bane also received the second cup. Mr. Smyth declared that the race for the One Design Class had decided the championship for the year; it had been won by Capt. Arthur.

His Excellency, in returning thanks, said he was specially pleased to have won the cup. It was the first Commodore's Cup that he had ever won. He was Commodore himself for eleven years, so he had not much chance himself then, and after that he did not have much good fortune. He was very pleased to have taken part in a good race that day. The old Dione seemed to be still in very good fettle and he was pleased to see that one of their German friends had won the other cup, for right well he sailed. And he thought that they should also thank the Commodore for putting up such a handsome cup that afternoon; he was only sorry

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S AIR FLEET.

A BIG PROGRAMME.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received March 29.
Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg says the programme of the new Air Fleet which is at present being worked out, provides for the construction of 236 ordinary aeroplanes, ten air-Dreadnoughts, and three airships.

YACHTING.

His Excellency's Clever Win.

On Saturday afternoon the annual race for the Commodore's cup in connection with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed, the course being to Kaichau Island. There was an entry of ten boats, three of them, however, taking part in a tie which was sailed for the purpose of deciding the championship of the One Design Class. The start was made at 2 o'clock prompt, and the Kathleen got away with a fine start, crossing the line as the gun was fired. The Halcyon was unfortunate enough to tear her sail and had to give up, while the Alannah retired early in the race. The sailing was of a plain order going to the Datam Rock, which was the turning point for home, but from here onward there was such a quantity of tacking that the course sailed must have tottered quite twenty miles for which the time recorded was quite good. The question of tactics in the finish, while it did not decide the race, was interesting inasmuch as His Excellency the Governor, who was sailing the Dione, came right in shore to pass the line. By doing this he escaped the full force of the tide which was against him and saved quite a minute on his time. The Kathleen and Dorothea, which crossed the line second and third respectively, took an outside course and lost time thereby.

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TELEGRAMS.

POISONED BY FUMES.

THE ACT OF STRIKERS.

London, Received March 29.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg says the poisoning of workmen by benzine fumes in a Russo-American rubber factory caused a strike and subsequent rioting.

Now it is announced that 400 workmen were poisoned by gas fumes in a tobacco factory yesterday, eighteen having to be sent to hospital. It is rumoured that the fumes caused by strikers to prevent strikebreakers working.

OBITUARY.

GENL. SIR W. F. KELLY.

London, Received March 29.

The death is announced of Lieutenant-General Sir William Freeman Kelly, K.C.B.

[The deceased General, who was 66 years of age, joined the 8th, The King's Regiment, in 1876. He served in the Egyptian campaigns of 1882, 1884 and 1885 and held appointments in South Africa from 1888 until 1902. From 1903 to 1906 he was Major General on Staff commanding the Infantry Brigade at Malta. For service in the Boer War he received the K.C.B. decoration.]

that he did not join in it also. It was a regular day for the old Rolls, which probably would have pounded them all. His Excellency called for three cheers for the commodore and a also a "Pekulum Tiger" (laughter) while three cheers and a "Peak tiger" were accorded Lady May for presenting the prizes.

The finishing times were off at 2 p.m.:

	h.	m.	s.
Dione	5	10	31
La Linda	5	14	58
Kathleen	5	24	33
Dorothea	5	31	45
Colleen	5	33	15
Violet	5	33	47
Ayasha	5	37	3

One Design Class.

Daphne	8	9	9
Alisa	8	14	7
Bonita	6	15	32

Corrected Times.

Dione	3	10	31
La Linda	3	13	28
Kathleen	3	15	23
Dorothea	3	21	45
Colleen	3	24	15
Ayasha	3	27	03
Violet	3	28	47

One Designers.

Daphne	3	39	09
Alisa	3	44	07
Bonita	3	45	52

NEW FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

The Russian Air Fleet programme provides for 326 ordinary aeroplanes, ten air-Dreadnoughts and three airships.

Abbey Lands, Antrim a mansion belonging to Sir Hugh McCalmont has been burned, it is believed by anti-Carsonite suffragists.

A painful sensation has been created in Shanghai by the suicide of Capt. Thomas, of the Volunteer, and head of Thomas Bros.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

Lieut. Gen. Sir W. F. Kelly is dead.

The Empress Dowager of Japan is ill with heart trouble. Cambridge easily won the Boat Race by four and a half lengths.

In the Billiards Championship Inman beat Reece by 18,000 to 12,828.

Mr. T. Liwe, proof-reader on the Shanghai Mercury staff, has committed suicide.

There has been a lull in political activities during the week-end.

Poisoning by fumes in St. Petersburg factories is attributed to strikers.

Opinion in the Lobby is that the new Army orders are merely intended to condone past errors.

The French gunboat, recently ashore at Ningpo, has been refloated.

"White Wolf" troops have occupied Shingcho and defeated the Government troops.

The brigand movement in China has taken on an anti-foreign character.

Mr. McKenna is now mentioned as the likely successor to Colonel Seely at the War Office.

General Villa reports that virtually all of Torreón is in the hands of the rebels.

The opinion is strengthening that General French and General Ewart will refuse to withdraw resignations.

It is expected that the Parliamentary storm will be renewed to-day, the Unionists bringing forward searching questions.

NEWS.

General new appears on page 3 and log book on page 6.

A notice of "The Girl from Utah" appears in this issue.

An interesting letter to the Times by John Galsworthy appears on page 3.

His Excellency the Governor won the Commodore's Cup on Saturday.

The Sergeants' mess of the Volunteer Corps held their annual dinner on Saturday night.

On the occasion of his retirement from Ellis Kadoorie School, Mr. Braidwood, the headmaster, was the recipient of presents on Saturday.

Three company meetings are reported in to-day's issue. These are the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bandmann Opera Co.—Theatre Royal 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bandmann Opera Co.—Theatre Royal—9 p.m.

H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd., annual general meeting—noon.

H.K. Club, Half Yearly Drawing of 65 Debentures—11 a.m.

H.K. Club, Annual General Meeting—5.15 p.m.
Monday April 6.

H.K. Ice Co. Ltd. meeting—noon.

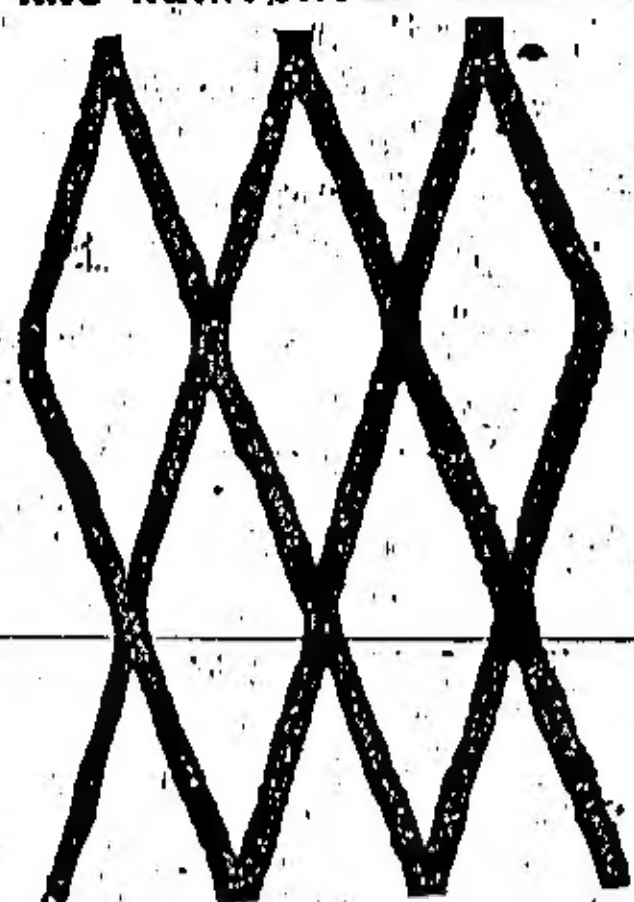
Friday April 10.
Stainer's "Crucifixion," St. John's Cathedral—9.15 p.m.
Saturday April 11.
1st Gymkhana Meeting.

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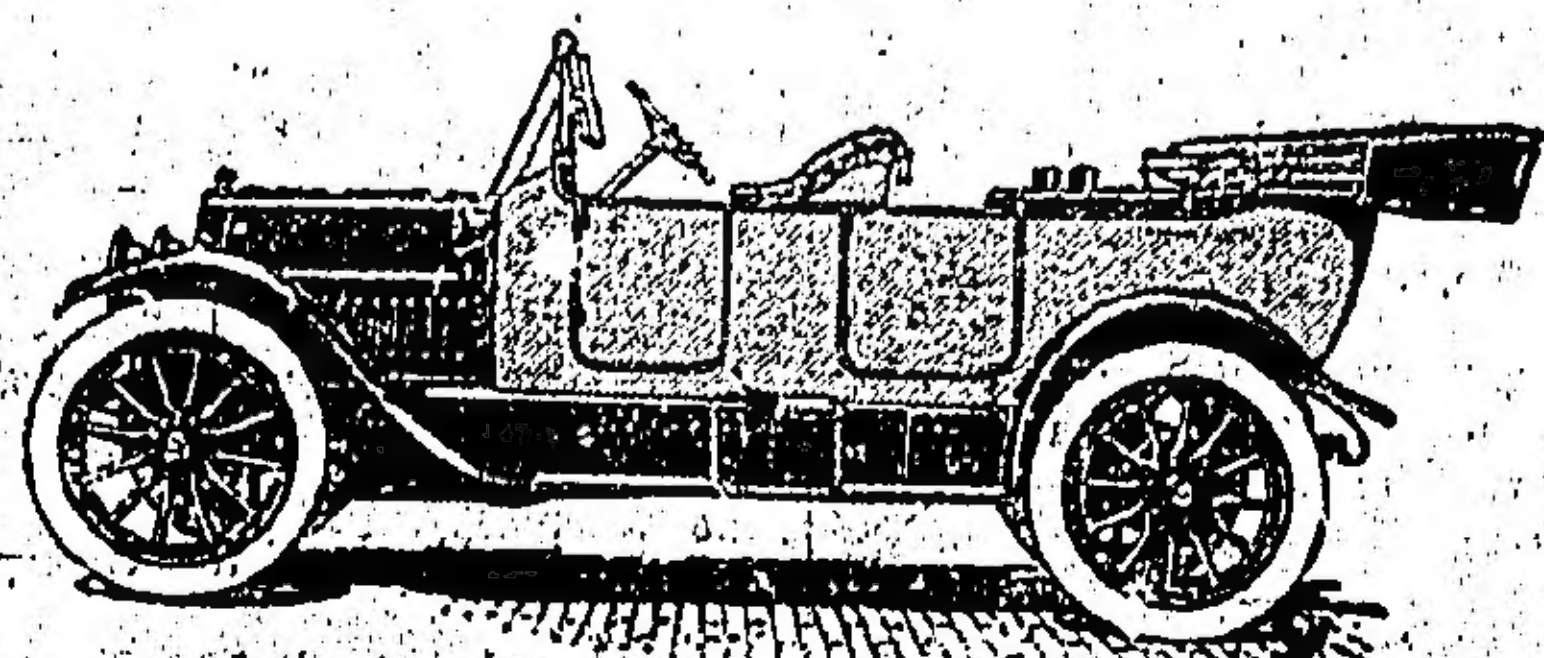
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"White Wolf."

Many large cities of Honan, Anhui, Hupeh and Shanai have fallen victims to his penalty of booty and blood. The Government's failure to cope successfully with the scourge has had a depressing effect upon its prestige more damaging than all the political intrigues slumped together. Confidence in the strength and endurance of those in power is waning and outlawry in many forms has been encouraged in other parts of the country to which knowledge of happenings in the devastated provinces has trickled. What is the remedy? Underneath all the troubles of the young republic lies economic pressure and the real remedy lies in the removal of a condition which sorely handicaps the administration. In time that will no doubt be achieved but for the present the Government must bring all its resources—in men, money, and arms—to bear in an effort to restore order and exterminate the retarding influences on the peace and prosperity of the country. White Wolf must be taken seriously. He represents on a large scale a condition of unrest and lawlessness which, as in the cases of Portugal, Mexico and some of the South and Central American provinces, may take the law-making authorities years to subdue.

Daily Press.

Trade in China.

To put it briefly, we think "a fair field and no favour" is the best condition the British merchant and contractor need demand and that given freedom to contract in their own lines for the undertakings of provincial governments, they will carry the business to a satisfactory issue without the adventitious assistance of an Anglo-French self-denying agreement. Reorganization loans, and similar advances for "non-productive" purposes, stand on a different footing, and here the need for ensuring adequate safeguards inevitably implies restrictions on private enterprise, but in the case of remunerative industrial undertakings the best rule is equal opportunities for all comers. Where British enterprise can be benefited by a system of constant exploration and investigation of the commercial field and by "nursing" prospective markets, and we welcome as a step in the right direction the recent announcement that the Board of Trade is to send a special Commissioner to China to investigate the possibilities of extending British trade, especially that in metals and metal ware.

China Mail.

The Political Situation.

Travellers' telegrams indicate that the political situation at home may not improbably lead to an appeal to the country. It would be foolish to assume—as some of the conservative organs doubtless will assume—that such a step will infer weakness on the part of the Government. It will not indicate anything of the kind, as such a step at the present time would be nothing more than a good party move suggested by a sagacious reading of the "signs of the times." The Government would have little to fear if they put themselves in the hands of the country at present, for it is unquestionable that the country is with them entirely regarding the difficulties that have been raised by the extraordinary attitude of certain military officers. We are rather of the opinion, however, that a General Election is not likely to take place until the passing of the Home Rule Bill, as it is not to be expected that the Government should jeopardise the passage of that measure, after all the work and worry it has entailed, when on the threshold of success. The result of one or more by-elections, which are really of little importance or significance, can usually be predicted, but a General Election is a different matter and one, of course, which should never be precipitated unless the political portents are very convincing.

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FOREIGN RAILWAY ENGINES.

Of late there has been considerable discussion in the Home Press because of the fact that the South Eastern and Chatham Railway has placed with a German firm an order for ten locomotives. These engines are to be used in connection with the continental boat express traffic of the company, and the occasion is interesting from the fact that this is the first instance of the importation of German locomotives into England. Hongkong, perhaps, has an interest in the circumstance by reason of the recent arrival in the colony of an engine for the British section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, also "made in Germany." And a close analysis of the facts which led to the placing of the South Eastern Railway order may help us to understand why in the case of our local railway a British-made engine was not supplied.

There is no disputing the fact that the material and workmanship of the British locomotive is second to none, and if it were a question of value for money, no good purpose could be served in going abroad. But apparently in the case under notice it is all a matter of extreme pressure in the engine-building works at Home—British firms have been really too busy to keep pace with demands. The Railway Company concerned has been suffering from a shortage of locomotives. In fact, they quite recently obtained on loan from the Great Northern Company no fewer than fifteen four-wheel coupled bogie engines—and as they wanted new locomotives by May to cope with an anticipated very heavy summer traffic, they had to place the order wherever it could be carried out. No British firm could undertake to deliver the ten engines so soon, because of the rush of work; and hence the company had to turn to German builders. A point to be borne in mind, however, is that the locomotives are being made to the company's own designs and their construction is to be watched by the company's own representative; hence they are really British engines built abroad. It is not a question of price, we are told, but merely one of delivery.

These facts are at any rate reassuring and help to remove the impression created in some quarters that British enterprise is being ousted by foreign activity. No one, of course, objects to foreign-made articles as such, but all other things being equal, Britishers naturally like to see their own country securing the plants. In the case of the Canton-Kowloon Railway the facts may have been very similar to those we have quoted. At any rate, no harm can be done by some statement from the Government which will explain the matter once and for all.

Nasty Sundays.

Residents whose houses front on Nathan Road, Kowloon, are suffering a nerve-racking experience these days. As we mentioned recently, the thoroughfare is undergoing treatment with a thin coating of tar, which may or may not prove of value in preserving the surface of the road. It is, in carrying out these operations that the annoyance is caused, for a big gang of workers is engaged in removing the top surface of the road so as to get down to the metalling. These roadmen are each armed with a shovel, and the noise which they create in jabbing away at the thoroughfare is almost unbearable. It may be all very necessary, but at any rate it might be avoided on Sundays, when residents like to have a little peaceful rest. One would like to learn why it is that the Government permits work of this kind on Sundays while under certain contracts Sunday work is prohibited.

The Boat Race.

After a run of five successive victories for Oxford, the Cambridge crew has succeeded in once more winning the Varsity Boat Race. Since 1908, when Cambridge covered the distance in 19 minutes 10 seconds, Oxford has had no difficulty in pulling off the event, and in four out of the five victories their time has been better than that recorded for this year's winners. All through the previous years the Cambridge crew have shown a convincing form this season, and their victory was only in accordance with expectations. They were evidently never fully extended, for they won easily after leading all the way. Oxford still holds a substantial lead so far as aggregate wins are concerned, having 38 to their credit against 31 for Cambridge, while in one instance—in 1877—there was a dead heat.

The Billiards Champion.

So Melbourne Luman has again won the championship of the Billiards Association. Last year there was no challenger though Reece disputed his right to the title of champion of the Billiards Control Club and was beaten after a strenuous match by some 1,300 points. In the match just concluded Reece has been badly beaten by over 5,000 points. But Luman has often managed to defeat his great rival by a wide margin. On play there is not much between the men; probably, indeed, Reece is the more brilliant player of the two. But Luman is a model of calculating consistency. He is hardly ever upset, always a cool and careful player; and his manner seems to upset Reece four times out of five. In a free and open game the Oldham man wins, but when Luman adopts safety tactics and cramps the game Reece appears to go all to pieces. The present champion is essentially a tactician and he will take a deal of beating. Both Reece and Stevenson are too temperamental, it would appear, to manage it. Besides, Stevenson is not so young as he was and, with all his brilliance, is not so consistent as in the old days.

A Heavy Defeat.
The Hampshire team came a core cropper on Saturday in the Shield final. It must be something of a record for a team to be defeated by a margin of a dozen goals in a final, though they can console themselves with the reflection that their defeat is far short of a cup-tie record. That is held by Arbroath, which is always a famous football nursery, and stands at 38 goals to 0; and that against a team which they had defeated quite narrowly in a league match the previous Saturday. Football is a curious game, and there are days when everything comes off for one team and nothing for the other. The winning team on Saturday had one enthusiastic supporter who kept the crowd in fits. His one word of praise was "marvellous," and he used it often and with effect. He could be heard all over the field. "Oh you marvellous man!" though sometimes it was marvellous referee. When, at the close, Admiral Jerram aptly remarked that if the gunners could shoot as well with their guns as with their feet he promptly assured the admiral that "Hongkong is quite safe, sir." Admiral Jerram must have felt grateful for the assurance.

DAY-BY-DAY.

A SHARP TONGUE IS THE ONLY WEAPON THAT GROWS KEENER WITH CONSTANT USE.—Washington Irving.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 69 sunshiny.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 64 sunshiny.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Left per s.s. Chenan on Saturday at midnight.
Siberian Mail.—Due per s.s. Malta to-morrow.

American and Canadian Mails.—Loss per s.s. Nile at 6 p.m. to-day.

English Mail of February 28.—Delivered in London on March 27 Halyang Docking.

The s.s. Haiyang will not sail on Tuesday. The steamer is going into dock.

Hawking within Limits.
For hawking within market limits, a Chinese was fined \$5, at the Police Court this morning.

Possession of Native Wine.
At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese who was in possession of eight cetties of native wine on which no duty had been paid, was fined \$5 by Mr. Wood.

The Rubi's Trip.
The s.s. Rubi, which arrived in port this morning from Manila, reports moderate to light N.E. breezes and swell, and hazy weather on the latter part of the trip.

Coming to Hongkong.
Mr. Frederick A. Moore, Peking Correspondent of the Associated Press, is at present holidaying in South China, and has just arrived at Canton, coming overland from Peking. He is shortly to visit Hongkong.

Dentist Robbed.
A Chinese dentist, of 8, Queen's Road Central, reports to the Police that between 7 p.m. on the 27th and 8 a.m. on the 28th some person stole from a case on his verandah on the first floor, surgical instruments valued at \$200.

Sent to Hospital.
A Chinese married woman age 20 years, residing at 15, Ma Mita, in the Shing-sui district, has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the body. They are alleged to have been inflicted by two men during the course of a fight.

Discharged.
A Chinese was so unlike a lakong, though he was one, that a fellow-countryman had, it was alleged, no hesitation in assaulting him when he went to interfere in a street row. At the Police Court, this morning, the alleged aggressive one was discharged by Mr. Wood.

University Appointment.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate, under the provisions of Statute 4 of the University Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 10 of 1911), Mr. S. W. Tao to be a Chinese Member of the Court of the University of Hongkong, vice the late Mr. Ng Li-Hing.

The Coolie's Tale.
A shop coolie from Queen Victoria Street reports to the Police that whilst walking along Des Voeux Road Central about 3 p.m. on the 28th he was jostled by a man who stole from his outside jacket pocket a bundle containing \$273 the property of his master. The Police do not appear to place too much reliance on the story.

Fishing Boat Capsized.
The master of a fishing boat bound from Cha Kwo Ling to Kowloon City reports that about 7.30 p.m. on the 27th inst. his boat, containing ten passengers, capsized near Kowloon City Wharf. All the passengers were thrown into the water. The ferry launch Wy-kin hurried to their assistance, as did a small boat. All the passengers were rescued except one, and in his case there is a doubt as to his fate. He may have been taken to Hongkong by the Wy-kin.

Latest Advertisements.
Mr. Max Gutschke is appointed Manager of the Deutsch Asiatische Bank.—Page 5.

A partner for a going concern is wanted.—Page 5.

A comrade for a going concern is advertised for.—Page 5.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's dividend will be payable on and after to-morrow.—Page 5.

The s.s. Salamis leaves for Singapore, Manilla and South Africa on the 2nd prox.—Page 5.

DAIRY FARM-OUTRAGES.

Pigs Stabbed at Pokful-m.

The outrages on pigs at Pokful-m, still continue. Mr. Olinphat of the Dairy Farm at Pokful-m, reports to the Police that during the night of the 28th some person entered Number 4 pig house and killed six pigs valued at \$54, the property of the Dairy Farm.

The pigs, we learn, were stabbed in a similar manner to those previously killed, and at the moment there is no clue as to who the perpetrators of the outrages may be. It is significant, however, that extra police have been watching the premises of late, but were taken off duty on Saturday. Their absence, therefore, seems to have been taken advantage of by the individual or individuals responsible for the killing of the animals.

CRICKET.

Hongkong Defeats the Navy.

In the triangular league on Saturday the H. K. C. C. were at home to the Navy whose score of 115 was nearly doubled by the victorious home team, thanks to the batting of Wodehouse, 50 and R. N. Anderson, 62. The scores were as follow:—

H. K. C. C.		
T. E. Pearce, c Hutton b Pearson	...	31
S. S. Moore, c Ropley b Pearson	...	9
A. L. Stokes, c b Dawson	...	9
R. L. D. Wodehouse, b Ropley	...	50
R. N. Anderson, b Hutton	...	62
R. Hancock, c Dawson b Hutton	...	33
R. P. Thurstield, c Fawcett b Hutton	...	5
C. C. Clarke, b Morgan	...	5
R. Kennedy, not out	...	2
M. M. Maas, b Hutton	...	2
D. E. Donnelly, b Hutton	...	0
Extras	...	21
Total	...	229

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dawson	...	10	72	1
Pearson	...	11	61	2
Morgan	...	6	25	1
Ropley	...	6	30	1
Hutton	...	4.3	20	5

THE NAVY.

Lt. Hutton, c b Anderson	...	0
Pte. Dawson, c Hancock, b Anderson	...	5
Lt. Buxton, c Clarke, b Wodehouse	...	2
Sub-Lt. Ferri, c Moore, b Wodehouse	...	9
Major Morgan, c Donnelly, b Wodehouse	...	0
Fleet-Pay Pearson, c Wodehouse, b Anderson	...	2
Mid. Fawcett, b Donnelly	...	29
Eng. Lt. Archard, not out	...	25
Lt. Brookholes, b Maas	...	10
Sub-Lt. S. Hansen, c Donnelly, b Maas	...	1
Sir. Ropley, b Wodehouse	...	10
Extras	...	22
Total	...	115

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Anderson	...	8	17	0
Wodehouse	...	10	1	26
Donnelly	...	7	30	1
Maas	...	4	19	2

THE "TELEGRAPHS"

ACROSTIC:

Irish Troubles.	
1. U. L. I. C.	
2. L. A. Y. E. R.	
3. S. A. F. A. R. I.	
4. T. E. S.	
5. E. I. D. E. N. T.	
6. R. E. M. E. D. I. E. S.	

Notes. From: Refers to the Ulster rain coat. (1.)—Byron's "Werther" (2.)—Hamlet, 5, i. (4.) Of the d' Urbervilles, Sir Thomas Hadley's Heroine (6.) All's Well that Ends Well 1, 1.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—

Chan Siu-ki	...	\$25
Chin U. Tin	...	25
F. Lieb	...	25
Botelho Bros	...	15
A. S. Hewitt	...	10
R. D. Stewart	...	10
A. W.	...	8
Brewer & Co.	...	5
A. H. M.	...	5

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The China Sugar Refinery Company, Limited.

[VERBATIM.]

The 36th annual meeting of the shareholders in the China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale presiding. Those present included Sir O. P. Chater O.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, consulting committee; Messrs. O. W. Beawick, J. McCubbin, A. Rodger, H. F. Hupenden, G. H. Tisdall, Wong Leung Him, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, shareholders, and the secretary, Mr. R. Munro.

The Chairman.—As it is past the time for which this meeting has been called and as there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The reports and accounts, with auditors' certificates attached, having been in your hands for some days past, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

The year 1913 opened with prospects which were anything but favourable and throughout the year conditions were entirely against profitable refining. Constant and renewed trouble in the North during the first six months of the year, heavy accumulations of stocks of Japanese sugar, and large shipments of Java white sugar all contributing to this condition of the market. The molasses at the Refinery had necessarily to be kept on a very low basis, and until the closing month of the year your General Managers did not consider themselves justified in effecting any increase in the input. Although some improvement has taken place, the outlook is still unsatisfactory and deliveries have been poor. During the year under review there was little appreciable change in the Java market for raw sugars, and prices ruled fairly steady.

Our Bowrington property, which of late years has been a burden on the Company, has at length been disposed of at a figure in excess of book values, though the sale will not actually be completed until the month of May. The saving to the Company as a result of this sale will be considerable.

The distillery property is now of no further use, and providing a reasonable offer is obtainable, a sale will be considered.

The refinery plant, machinery and fittings are all in good order. After the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability. I now move the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. McCubbin:—I beg to second that the report and accounts be adopted.

The Chairman:—The adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded, and is now before the meeting for discussion. No shareholders have any remarks to make. It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. McCubbin that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour, please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

Mr. Tisdall:—I beg to second that the report and accounts be adopted.

The Chairman:—The adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded, and is now before the meeting for discussion. No shareholders have any remarks to make. It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. McCubbin that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour, please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The next business, gentlemen, is the re-election of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Beawick:—I beg to propose that the Consulting Committee, now consisting of Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, be re-elected.

Mr. Ho Fook:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—The re-election of the Consulting Committee has been proposed by Mr. Beawick and seconded by Mr. Ho Fook. Those in favour of that please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The next business, gentlemen, is the election of auditors.

proposed that Messrs. H. Percy Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors at the usual remuneration.

Mr. Rodger:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Lo Cheung-shui and seconded by Mr. Rodger that Messrs. H. P. Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors. Those in favour of that please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

The Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Luzon Sugar Refinery Co. Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of the general agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale presiding. Those present included Messrs. H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar, consulting committee; Messrs. A. J. P. Puffrett, J. O. Taylor, A. Murdoch, G. O. Moxon, G. H. Tisdall, B. D. F. Beith, Choa Po Sien, Wong Leung Aim and Mr. Munro, secretary.

The Chairman:—As it is past the time for which the meeting has been called, and as there is a quorum present, I will ask the secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose with your permission to follow the usual course and take them as read. I regret to state that although the refinery at Malabon was kept almost continuously at work, we were unable to refine at a profit owing to the high cost of raw sugar and the competition of imported Hawaiian sugar. The output of centrifugal sugar has also increased and this was a further contributory cause to the unsatisfactory result of the year's working. I may mention that, as on many previous occasions, the General Agents have waived their commission and the Consulting Committee their fees.

After the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question relating to them which shareholders may desire to ask.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. Tisdall:—I beg to second that the report and accounts be adopted.

The Chairman:—The adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded and is now before the meeting for discussion. No shareholder has any questions to ask, it has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Tisdall that the report and accounts as presented be passed. Those in favour of that please signify in the usual way—against—Carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of the consulting committee.

Mr. G. O. Moxon:—I beg to propose that Messrs. H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar be re-elected to the consulting committee.

Mr. Beith:—I beg to second.

The Chairman:—The re-election of the consulting committee has been proposed by Mr. Moxon and seconded by Mr. Beith. Those in favour, please signify in the usual way. Against—Carried unanimously.

Mr. Puffrett:—I beg to propose that Mr. A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditor for the current year at his present remuneration.

Mr. Murdoch:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—The re-election of Mr. A. R. Lowe as auditor at his present remuneration has been proposed by Mr. Puffrett and seconded by Mr. Murdoch. Those in favour please signify in the usual way—against—Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; I thank you for your attendance.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

The ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., was held in the Company's town office Queen's Buildings, at noon to-day, Mr. S. H. Dodwell presiding and there were also present:—

Sir O. P. Chater the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Mr. D. W. Craddock,

Mr. Lo Cheung-shui:—I beg to

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1914.

BANDMANN OPERA CO.

Great Success in "The Girl from Utah".

The Theatre Royal was packed to the doors on Saturday night, when the Bandmann Opera Company staged the sparkling musical play, "The Girl from Utah". No better choice could have been made for a Saturday-night production. Like most plays of its kind, the plot is based on a series of circumstances which would be utterly impossible in ordinary life, but, making this allowance, the story runs along sharp and well-defined lines and never loses its grip on the audience. Its chief recommendation, however, is that it abounds in catchy music, pretty dances and witty dialogue—just the type of play, to provide a joyous evening's entertainment. The story has to do with the check-mating of a Mormon who follows hard on the track of "The Girl from Utah" all through the piece. Una Troncosi, the fascinating girl, and she is shipped off to England to escape the amorous attentions of the mysterious Mormon, who is strangely absent from the piece, but whose influence is none the less active on that account. Una meets Sandy Blair (leading man at the Folly Theatre), the hero of the play, who immediately falls in love with her, and he and his friends set themselves out to frustrate the designs of the Mormon, in which task they, of course, eventually succeed. But there are the usual complications, giving the opening for any amount of fun, the chief being that Trimmitt, a funny little Britton butcher, is for a time suspected to be the intriguing Mormon.

The name part was in the hands of Miss Nellie Lomas, who was altogether dainty and fascinating all through the play. She fitted the part to a nicety. Another lady who scored a big success was Miss Babs Kendall as Dora Manners, leading lady at the Folly Theatre, and one of the principal participants in the scheme to outwit the Mormon lover. Her acting was decidedly good, while she sang and danced with charm and grace. Then there was Miss Addie Lennard, who was as quaint and clever as ever in the role of maid to Dora Manners. Her dancing was one of the features of the performance, an Irish jig being particularly well done. As usual, she worked splendidly with Mr. Bobby Roberts (Trimmitt) in the low comedy parts; the latter, though obviously suffering from a cold, being in his jolliest mood. His song, "Brixton Bill," with topical matter cleverly introduced, brought the house down. Mr. Alec Worcester was the hero of the play, and whether as senator, vocalist or dancer, he was the outstanding figure of the cast. Another part well played was Mr. Walter Elagert's Lord Amersham. The remaining characters were also in capable hands.

As to the music, the play is full of charming refrains, one of the best being contained in the part song, "Where has Una gone?", sung by Miss Babs Kendall. Miss Lennard, Mr. Worcester, Mr. Elagert and Mr. Kendall. There is also a wealth of pretty choruses, duets and solos, but it is rather a pity that the Company is not strong in soloists. A word must be written of the dresses. They were magnificent, and the ladies in the audience appreciated to the full the opportunity of seeing the latest creations of fashion.

To-night "Step This Way" is the attraction, and, for a special reason, patrons are requested to be early in their seats.

SPORTING: DINNER

Kowloon C.C. Golf Section Festive.

The first annual dinner of the Kowloon Cricket Club Golf Section, was held at the Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr. G.H. May, the Captain, presiding. The function was very well attended and passed off in the happiest manner possible.

Proposing the health of the Golf Section of the Club, Mr. Mead comprehensively dealt with the history of the Section, and in doing so, referred to the pioneer work of Messrs. Gregory (deceased), Mackenzie, and "Teddie White." The section commenced with a membership of ten and it now reached forty-five. He thought the gathering they had there that night testified to the interest which the members had taken in golf and there were still a lot of new anxious to take up the game. The last season had been very successful and the beautiful prizes they had there testified to the generosity of some of the members in presenting them. He might also add that they had already some prizes for next year—those they had in front of them now (Applause). He hoped the next season of the Golf Section would be as successful as the last.

Mr. Edwards responded, and said the Golf Section had come to stay. They were always indebted to the U.S.R.C. for allowing them to use their links, and he trusted the friendship existing would, as time went on, grow considerably and be firmly cemented by the pleasant matches they had together, when they met in friendly combat. Golf called for all the qualities that tended to make a true sportsman and no one could wish for anything better than to be called by his fellows "a thorough sportsman." He thanked them for receiving the toast of the Kowloon Cricket Club Golf Section, with such enthusiasm, and while such enthusiasm was shown, not only at those gatherings but at the Club and on the links, there could be no doubt as to the prosperity of the section, which he thought they were justly proud of. (Applause).

The Chairman proposed the health of the visitors and expressed his pleasure at seeing Mr. Leslie present. But for the kindness of the U.S.R.C. they could not have had the Golf Section. He then read a letter from Commander Beck with apologies for absence through indisposition, and wishing them every success. (Applause).

Lieutenant Leslie responded, and on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Club for the kind hospitality they had enjoyed. The U.S.R.C. had been trying to make a better course, and had spent some money on the course. He had tried to get some more money out of the Government—they had given them one thousand last year—but this year when he tried again, the Government could not see it was clear to do so, saying a good deal of money had been spent on King's Park. There was a proposal for a football ground which he hoped would not come off. He knew the Kowloon Cricket Club golf section wanted more members and he was going to bring forward a proposal on their behalf which he hoped would be successful. (Applause). The U.S.R.C. would have to see if they could not beat Kowloon Club next time they met.

Mr. Curwen then presented the Chairman and Mr. Mackenzie with silver pocket knives.

Mr. Mackenzie responded on behalf of the Chairman and himself.

Mr. Elson, in an eloquent address, referred to the departing members of the club in a toast that was enthusiastically honoured. Shortly, he said Mr. May, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Grapnell and Mr. Stein would be leaving the Colony

SPECIAL CABLES:

BRIGANDAGE IN CHINA.

THE LATEST REPORTS.

(Special Pacific Service to the Telegraph—Rueur.)
Shanghai, Received March 30.
Renteria's correspondent at Sianfu states that a large force from the South occupied Sianfu on the 23rd inst. and advanced to the North, threatening Sianfu, which has been in great danger for three days. The enemy is short of ammunition and has withdrawn towards Shengyang, the Tatars following them up. There is no serious disturbance at Sianfu, and the foreigners there are safe and well. Minor disturbances are reported from other parts of the Province, but these are not serious.

CHINESE CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Peking, Received March 30.
The total Customs collection for January shows an increase of Tls. 147,650 compared with 1913.

PEKING POLITICS.

Peking, Received March 30.
Hsu Hsi-chang arrived here on Saturday and proceeded immediately to the President's Office to see Yuan Shih-kai. He is expected to play a most important part in politics in the near future.

THE HUNGHTZES ACTIVE.

Peking, Received March 30.
A telegram from Kirin states that the Hunghtzes in the Pan-Shih Hsien district have defeated the troops, killing 120.

JAPANESE CABINET PROBLEM.

Tokyo, Received March 30.
The Emperor has requested Prince Takugawa to form a Cabinet, but the latter informs Renteria's agency that he will not accept the offer.

A ROYAL PATIENT.

Tokyo, Received March 30.
The Empress Dowager is reported to be better.

SHANGHAI SUICIDE.

Shanghai, Received March 30.
Mr. H.R.H. Thomas, a prominent resident of Shanghai, committed suicide on Saturday.

PLAGUE RETURN.

The plague return for the week ending March 23 shows that one European has taken the disease, 461 Chinese and one Malay. Thirty-one of the Chinese cases and the one Malay proved fatal. The total number of cases for the present year is 270, of which number 207 proved fatal. In addition to the figures given above, the return of communicable diseases reports eleven cases of cholera with seven deaths, two fatal cases of diphtheria, two of enteric, one death, and four of small pox with three deaths.

LAWN TENNIS.

Olympic Club's Tournament.

The date results in the Olympic Lawn Tennis Club's tournament are—
First Round: G. W. Sewell (over 15) beat G. Wilson (over 30) 6-3, 3-6; J. Smith (over 15) beat W. G. B. Smith (over 15) 6-3, 3-6; S. West (over 15) beat F. Hargraves (over 15) 6-3, 3-6.
Second Round: A. G. MacDonald (over 15) beat F. Hargraves (over 15) 6-4, 6-1; T. S.
Third Round: H. E. Stevens (over 40) beat R. A. Shires (over 64) 6-8.

A BIG CLAIM.

Wealthy Portuguese Gentleman and a Contract.

In Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning, His Lordship, the Chief Justice gave judgment in an interesting action. The plaintiffs were the Great Western Smelting and Refining Company of San Francisco, and they claimed from T. P. Marques, of Macao, \$85,452, being the balance due under a guarantee for the payment of \$200,000 given by the defendant that Messrs. Arndt & Co., Hongkong, would repay a loan to this amount.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mr. F. O. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, was for the defendant.

In giving judgment for the plaintiffs with costs, his Lordship said the action was brought to recover on a contract of guarantee executed by the plaintiffs under an agreement with a German firm, Arndt and Company, who were then trading in this Colony for the purpose set out in the agreement. The defence was, briefly stated, (a) that no cause of action has arisen, (b) Non-disclosure by the plaintiffs of material facts which were unknown to the defendant, (c) variation of the agreement upon which the contract of guarantee was based without consent of the defendant, such non-disclosure and variation discharging the defendant from the contract of guarantee.

The plaintiffs by their reply contended that if (which they denied) the defendant ever became entitled to be discharged from the contract of guarantee, he lost such right by subsequently affirming the contract.

The facts were shortly—The plaintiffs through their agent, Mr. Pink, who came to this Colony for the purpose, effected an agreement with Arndt and Company, merchants here for the purchase of certain bronze and cast iron cannons from the Republican Government of Kwangtung under a concession which had been granted by that Government to one Wong Lian son, and which concession had been purchased by Arndt and Company. Certain small deliveries were taken of both bronze and iron during the months of August and September, 1912, with which the firm were credited, but no further deliveries were made. Up to this time Pink had not met the defendant, the guarantor, and about September 28 he went to Macao with his wife and Arndt, the head of the firm, on a visit with no intention, as he alleged, of meeting the defendant at all. Pink and his wife were taken by Arndt and a man named Souza, a friend of the defendants, to the latter's house, but whilst there no conversation of any description in reference to the transaction took place, at all, the matter being arranged, Pink alleged, entirely by Arndt in conjunction with Souza. On December 6, Pink's solicitors wrote to the defendant informing him of the payment of \$50,000 to Li Man-chi and telling him that Arndt, having failed to perform his contract, it was proposed to take it out of his hands stating that such course would not affect his guarantee and asking for his suggestions to which the defendant replied expressing his surprise at Arndt's conduct and stating that he was writing for information on the subject. Pink said that at the first interview in December at Canton, he informed the defendant of everything that had taken place. The evidence as to the exchange of currency

NEW RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Five-Minute Ferry Service Shortly.

Kowloon Point has been undergoing rapid and distinct changes recently, great preparations being made for the commencement of the new railway station. Big matters have been put up at various points, and every thing presents a most business-like aspect.

The new brick-made platforms are now completed, and, with lamp standards in place, seats fixed in position and a temporary covered way provided, they look extremely well. The new sidings will be used for traffic for the first time on Wednesday.

The new railway and ferry pier is almost completed, and will shortly be in use. Later on, we understand, there will be a five minutes service between Kowloon and Hongkong and vice versa.

A Great Loss.

It will be learnt with regret that the Kang Hsi Encyclopedia, which it was sought to obtain at a cost of £500 for the Cambridge University Library, has gone into other hands. The University had already raised £300 and was just sending the money on account, when the news was received that the Encyclopedia had been sold. Not only is this a great disappointment, but the Library authorities feel distressed that many kind friends have been put to needless trouble, to whom it is now only possible to return their cheques with many thanks.

was discussed and the repayment of the \$50,000 to Li Man-chi, as also the approval of Law to take over the transaction. It was then suggested, that defendant should pay for the costs of an action against Li Man-chi.

The creditor had no communication whatsoever with the surety as to the contract of guarantee which was negotiated entirely by Arndt and Souza, or by Arndt alone, and there was a substantial consideration, \$50,000 moving between them. Might it not be fairly presumed that the surety should have taken upon himself to ascertain exactly what risk he was taking upon himself. On a careful consideration of the authorities he was of opinion that there was no obligation on the plaintiff to communicate to the defendant the facts upon which the plea of non-disclosure was based. He thought it was clear that the onus was on the defendant to prove that the facts were unknown to him at the time of signing the document as alleged by him in the statement of defence. The allegation was put in issue. In an action on a guarantee the onus was on the plaintiff to establish the contract of guarantee, and that the cause of action in respect of it had arisen. The onus was on the defendant to prove misrepresentation, non-disclosure, or any other ground of a voidance. In the present case it was proved in evidence that in the interviews both at Canton and at Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's office in Hongkong, the Li Man-chi incident was fully discussed with the defendant, and his friends, and so far from repudiating his contract, the defendant authorized the action to be brought at his expense. He gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs. On the application of Mr. Pollock execution was stayed for fourteen days, and the money paid into Court as security for costs will remain in Court during the stay.

ACTION WITHDRAWN.

A Deciding Book Turns up.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Carl Bodeker and Company asked for an order against Tong Fook-cheong and Wong Kin-shan for the sum of \$424.10. The claim arose out of charges for interest to the defendant under a partnership, profits and property of the firm, the amount being the amount of judgment debt and costs in a previous action, together with the interest therein, and for the payment of Mr. H. R. Smith as receiver of the said debts and share of profits whether already declared or accruing, and of any other money which might be given to him in respect to the partnership and other accounts and enquiries to be taken.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. R. O. Faithfull, appeared for the defendants.

The summons, said Mr. Dixon, was to attach a certain sum of money. There was also an issue as to whether there was a partnership or not. Sometimes previously he wrote to Mr. Faithfull asking for inspection of his books and documents; those had been inspected, but to-day Mr. Faithfull produced a cash book which was not produced at the original inspection, which allowed the receipt for the profits. Now that he had seen that book, he found that it was no use going on with the action. He therefore would ask for it to be withdrawn, but without any costs for the defendant.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs up to August 16 which was the date of the inspection of the documents.

A BRIGHT MAGAZINE.

The March number of it—its future to be called the Hongkong Magazine—contains a varied selection of good things. The stories and articles are bright and interesting and they are so chosen as to avoid even a suspicion of same near in the magazine. It, apparently, has come to stay and is improving with each issue.

CRICKET.

C.R.C. Win at Kowloon.

The Chinese Recreation Club met Kowloon 2nd in a 2nd Division League match on Saturday. Scores:

K. C. C.	
L. J. Blackburn	c Chan Sing-nam b Ho Wing-kin ... 7
N. J. Bailton	c Wei Wing-lok b Ho Wing-kin ... 0
D. J. Mackenzie	bowed by Yew Man-chung ... 7
Capt. Wood	c Ho Wing-yuen b Yew Man-chung ... 0
H. E. Goldsmith	b Ho Wing-kin ... 1
E. J. Edwards	c b Ho Wing-kin ... 0
H. Overy	b Yew Man-chung ... 5
A. W. Savage	c Ho Wing-yuen b Yew Man-chung ... 0
A. W. E. Davidson	not out ... 14
H. E. Holland	c Yew Man-chung b Ho Wing-kin ... 19
Extras	... 3
56	
C. R. C.	
Yew Man-chung	run out ... 4
Ng Sze-yuen	b Overy ... 12
Chan Yat-kwong	b Overy ... 0
Wei Wing-lok	c Blackburn ... 20
b Mackenzie	...
Ho Wing-kin	c Overy b Wood ... 1
Ho Wing-yuen	c Davidson b Mackenzie ... 11
U. H. Fan	b Blackburn ... 12
Mok Hing	...
Chan Sing-nam	not out ... 14
Extras	... 7
78	

CROWN LAND SALES.

At the offices of the P.W.D. this afternoon the following lots of land were sold by public auction:—

Inland lot 2,068; area 11,560 sq. ft., annual rent \$100, upset price \$3,040; was sold at latter price to Dr. Gordon.

New Kowloon Inland lot 63; area 52,938 sq. ft., annual rent, \$1,588 to Portuguese.

Inland lot 2,069; area 7,32 sq. ft., annual rent \$6; was sold at upset piece of \$110, to Su Hong Shing.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

The British Government has intimated to the Chinese Government that it will not allow a change of the terminus of the Belgian Transcontinental Railway. Hai-chow, in the north of the Province of Kiang-su, being regarded as unsuitable, the company had tried to obtain Chinese consent to change the terminus to Tung-chow, in the south of the province, and only 60 miles north of Shanghai.

The Russian Government having waived their objection to the construction of a branch line of the Peking-Mukden Railway from Chin-chow to Chao Yang-fu are expected also to consent to the construction with British capital of a much-needed railway from Peking to Jehol, while the British and Chinese Corporation should certainly secure the right to construct the important railway from Nanking to Changsha, the capital of Hunan.

The Brussels correspondent to the *Financial News* states that recent dispatches from Peking have alleged that the conversations between the British Ambassador and the Chinese Government have led to the cancellation of the Belgian option granted for finishing the railway which is to be constructed across China, towards the estuary of Yangtze, near Shanghai. There has never existed what is called a "Belgian option." There was signed on Sept. 24, 1912, a convention between the Chinese Government and Compagnie Generale de Chemins de fer et de Tramways en Chine, authorising a loan for the purpose of constructing the Loung-Tsing U. Hai Railway, which would connect Lanchow to a seaport in the north of Yangtze. The site of this harbour has not been chosen yet; but, anyhow, there can be no question of an option, as the loan has already been partly floated (in April, 1913), with the approval of the Chinese Government.

Belgians own still another railway concession in China, the Tientsin-Peking Railway which will cross China from Tientsin in the north of Shansi, to Chengtu, the capital of the Szechuan Province, where the French railway will end. The concession, was signed on July 22, 1913.

Mail-car Robbery.

The mail-car running between Claremorris and Ballinrobe, was attacked recently by a band of men and a sum of nearly £200 was carried away. The money, it is said, was intended for the payment of old-age pensions in the district.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.R. s.s. *EMPEROR OF RUSSIA* left Yokohama on the 28th March, between 4 & 6 a.m.

The C.P.R. s.s. *EMPEROR OF ASIA* was 330 miles from Yokohama on the 27th March at midnight; is due to arrive at Yokohama on the 31st March at 6 a.m., and will leave Yokohama on the 31st March at 3 p.m.

The L.G.M.S. s.s. *PRINCESS ALICE* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 4th March left Singapore on Sunday 7 a.m. and may be expected here on or about 2nd April at 3 p.m.

The N.D.L. s.s. *ST. GEMARINEN* left Singapore on the 28th March at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 3rd April.

The H.A.L. s.s. *SACHSEN* left Shanghai on the 28th inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst. a.m.

The s.s. *DUNERA* from Yokohama and Kobe left Moji on the 28th March and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

The P. & O. s.s. *NAMUR* left Singapore for this Port on the 30th March at 9 a.m. and is due here on the 4th April at 7 a.m.

WHALE HUNTING.

Thrilling Experiences in the Indian Ocean.

In the course of his travels, the Hon. Mr. Chase S. Osborn, former Governor of Michigan, who was recently on a visit to Hongkong, has undergone many thrilling experiences. One of them he recounted last year, on his arrival at Port Shepstone, South Africa. He says:—

"I have just returned from a second trip on an Indian ocean steam whaler. The first trip was a blank beyond being interesting, but the second yielded three fine whales, between daylight and dark, one of which I harpooned. It was a blue whale and three different persons measuring it obtained three different results, viz.: 72, 81 and 86 feet. I must confess my measurement made it 86 feet long. My work was probably inaccurate as I had never killed or taped a whale before. Anyhow, it was big enough if not a record. The whale is the biggest living animal and rivals in bulk the greatest antediluvians. I hated to even think of killing of such a tremendous and admirable monster, and only found inspiration to do so in the fact that whaling is a legitimate industry and that there are many whales with no immediate danger of their extinction, coupled with some vanity because few people have bagged a whale, and also fired by romantic boyhood memories of whalers and their daring adventures which still dwell in me."

"It was nearly 12 o'clock at night when I swung over the side of a smart and smelly little whaler after having been brought along-side by a Kafir boatman, who scolded me silently against the gentle ripple of the harbour waters. Everything was dark on deck. Ragged seals chased each other across the face of the particularly beclouded moon in frantic haste to join a gathering blackness in the lower heavens. An alarmed monkey in a blackly wooded bluff near by screamed humanly, probably frightened by the clanging of eight bells on a big five-master not far off, barking the advent of the midnight watch. My Kafir ferryman disappeared in the engulfing darkness with a 'Kaiyawa N'kos', 'good-bye chief' in Chikaranga, the only words he had spoken, indicating him to be a Mashona or Makalasi, nearly as far from home for him as I was because he had probably walked a thousand miles. Not a sound, not a light, on board. I had obtained permission some days before from the captain to go and he had told me it would be wise to come on board the night before as he would leave port at 2.30 a.m. Noiselessly I scuttled down an open hatch, swinging into a black little den below the deck stairs. Feeling around I stumbled against a bench, but did not make enough noise to awaken anybody. I could hear heavy breathing and now and then a snore. Curling up on the bench as comfortably as a man of 53 can curl on such a thing, I must have gone to sleep at once. The next thing I knew I was thrown violently through the air and landed against something harder than I am. We were crossing the bar and the stout little ship was lurching, careening, hurdling, rolling, leaping, now standing on its stern. I hung to the side of a bunk with one hand and struck a match, thus locating the hatchway. With a great effort, for I was fast sickening in the stinky, stuffy air of the pig-sty hold I climbed on deck. None too soon. With one arm around a stanchion I held on while I paid off Davy Jones all I owed him and some to the fishes as well. I have been seasick on all the seven seas, but I realised at once that I had never really been seasick before. While one would not 'borrow' to be seasick it does not worry me nor often put me off my feet. The affair seemed to devolve into a contest as to whether I could turn inside out and for a while it verily seemed that I was flopping both ways. The morning broke on a wild ocean, all humps and mountains of snowy foam and spindrift and huge waves washing the decks of the little steamer, from one end to the other, compelling me to hold on with all my might. I was clinging thus when the

captain in oilers and sou'wester and a black pipe with a stem an inch long, upside down in his mouth and clumsy, sharp-pointed Norwegian sea-boots on, found me. He grinned. I grinned the best I could back at him. He said, 'mornin' in a Norwegian accent. I replied 'good morning' very bravely. He asked me if I would have some coffee and I replied in the affirmative. He offered me oilers and a sou'wester. I was bareheaded and could get no wetter and nothing would keep one dry, so I decided to remain as I was. As soon as day broke a ruddy-faced young whaler shinned up into a barrel, full length strong barrel, fastened to some stookey little cross-tree about 15 feet above the deck. This was the lookout and the barrel his crow's nest. It whipped back and forth like a crazy pendulum with the balance weight off. The captain said he was quite certain 'his' was the only boat out. This turned out to be true. It was bad weather for everything, but whales. They enjoyed it and gambolled on the billows like calves in a green pasture. Seemingly they did not expect to be hunted on a day like this. It wasn't long before the lookout rang out 'There she blows.' The boat's nose was pointed toward a huge bulk about half a mile away. It would disappear in the trough of the sea and then bulk large on a towering silver-crowned antediluvian.

"To make the direction we had to take a course quartering the waves. The whaler twisted, plunged, dipped and the sea ran hissing roaring, gurgling over me. Ordinarily the speed might have been eight or nine miles an hour; now we were going about five in order to keep on top. If the whale decided to run away he could go at a 30 mile an hour clip. But he didn't run. As we neared him he sounded and the ship's engines stopped for ten minutes. No sooner was head way checked than we broached to in the cradle of the deep and the way the little craft rocked was a caution. During the pursuit I forgot my seasickness. But now it came back plentifully as we floundered. After about ten minutes' wait the mate at the wheel shouted to the engineer and we started to go again. This time we heeded almost half way around in another direction. The captain explained that the whale had gone down, headed that way and after descending as far as he wished would come up and on the way up would swim in the course we were going. This was interesting and I again forgot my stomach in order to watch the performance. Meanwhile the gunner took his place on the little bow gun deck and held on as wave after wave swept over him. When a particularly large one came he would duck behind the low stout bulwarks. I watched him closely and worked my way to as near him as I could find a place to hold on to. I had scarcely gotten into position when the whale bobbed up within 50 feet and the gunner let fly. There was a boom and a great thrashing following. I saw the harpoon speed through the air and hit the mark. The whale looked as big almost as the boat and was nearly as long. Down he went and, out boiled the line. It was exciting. Not all the line was taken. He went down about 1,800 feet. While this was going on the gunner reloaded and let me take his place. The gunner gets two pounds for every whale he kills. I told him I would give him three pounds for every whale I missed. Even at that he refused to let me shoot at first until he had a harpoon safely fastened. I did not have to wait long. Up came the whale. I remembered that the gunners of our navy made their record shooting in the war of 1812 by firing on the down roll of the ship. The whale was full 50 feet away, but looked as big as the ocean. I swung the gun on him, aimed high and as the boat started to pitch downward I let loose. The harpoon flung through the air and struck the whale just at the water line. The gunner cheered me and I felt pretty good myself. Again the big fish sounded and carried the line out very fast. He only went down about 800 feet and there wasn't any too much time to re-load. When he came up we got almost alongside. By this time he was thrashing the water furiously and I could see

blood stains. The gunner said the word and I gave the whale his quietus. We let him float for the time being and started after another. This time when he got near enough the gunner let me have the first shot. The whale was about 40 feet away. The harpoon struck him too near the tail to do much damage, but it held fast. The next shot I hit him about four feet back of the jaws, not far from the lungs. This did the business and I had killed the whale. Then while he was lashed alongside and the other was picked up and also lashed, I grieved. Perhaps it was the seasickness which returned in redoubled form; perhaps it was the taking of such a splendid life; the destruction of such a magnificent creature. But this is a way of men. Mankind takes toll of all things and gives little back. Then God takes toll of man after giving him as much, so much."

The Coal Market.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s coal market report, dated Shanghai March 19, states:—

Japan.—This market has remained very dull during the past two weeks and as the winter season is now drawing to a close we expect the market to become easier;—there is not much enquiry for new business but deliveries are recovering slowly. There is now no water in the surrounding creeks and as the water is rising in the Yangtze, transportation facilities are improving.

Cardiff Coal.—No news. Fushan Coal.—Nothing special to report, but it is expected that the export can be resumed after April as less coal will then be required for consumption in Manchuria.

Peece Goods.

This market has been the duldest of all, says the *N. C. Daily News*, in their commercial comment for last week. For various reasons new business is practically impossible, and even clearances are very unsatisfactory—although almost all the goods from previous purchases have been cleared to a very large extent.

At all the auctions the tendency was toward lower prices. There was practically no change in the quantities put up at all the auctions. The Kuang Ping was dull with lower prices on the average. The Ewo was also dragging. At the Yuen Fong grey shirtings and jeans fetched slightly lower prices, while Mexicos and shirtings were steady. Off-white goods, shirtings, sheetings and Irishes were lower, while Mexicos fetched slightly higher prices. Both black Italians and Venetians were weak, while Turkey reds were a shade better. Of woollen goods camlets were higher, and lastings steady. Clearances of auction goods, though not satisfactory, are fair.

Freight Report.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s freight market report, dated Shanghai March 19, states:—

Our homeward freight market in much the same state as when last writing, the seeds and ground-nut season being practically over and beans not being available until about June;—we are consequently between seasons when cargo is more or less scarce. Advices from Hankow are that about 10,000 tons of seeds still remain in the interior, but owing to the depredations of robbers who still infest the seed districts, the country people are afraid to dispose of their holdings for hard cash; doubtless this same state of affairs exists in other parts of China, which would account in some measure for the slow movement in exports.

Coastwise.—This market is quiet also but there are signs of an early improvement;—the Northern Ports are now fully open and the water in the Yangtze is rising slowly and there is a certain amount of traffic for regular liners from the River Ports. Advices from the South also report improvements in the conditions of trade in that market and an advance in rates has already taken place; the rate from Saigon to Hongkong having gone up from 14 to 23 cents, so that it is devoutly to be hoped that we have come to the end of the period of depression in the China coasting trade, which has already lasted far too long.

JAPAN'S HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Impressions of a Debate.

A correspondent to the *N. C. Daily News* writes as follows:— "Through the kindness of a member I had the pleasure of visiting the House of Representatives at Tokyo."

"As I am not sufficiently proficient in Japanese to follow the speeches I can only give you my impressions of what I saw."

The Houses of the Diet are situated at the west end of Hibiya Park about a quarter-of-an-hour's walk from Shimabashi Railway Station. They are very unpretentious wooden buildings which, but for the sentries at the gates, might well be mistaken for Government schools. The office at the side entrance into which I was first shown was little better than a third class waiting room at a country station and was crowded with applicants for tickets of admission. On receiving the necessary pass and signing my name, I was conducted to a most polite usher to the visitors' gallery and given a front seat.

Sharp Work at Question Time. There are 381 members in the House of Representatives and most of them were in their places before I arrived. The Speaker, the Hon. Ioka, took the chair shortly after one o'clock and business began with the questions. The questions were put by the members from their places and were answered by representatives of the Government from the platform. The right and left wings, both in opposition to the Government, provided most of the questions.

It seemed to me that members were allowed much more licence than they are in our House of Commons, one member often asking more than one question and replying sometimes heatedly to the answers of the Government. The Speaker held the reins lightly, but one could see by his alert manner and keen eye that he was a man eminently suited for his exalted position.

Mr. Saburo Shimada, of the Doshikai Party, made one of his animated speeches which were carefully listened to by all sections of the House.

The orderly way in which business was conducted, the calm deliberation of the Government representatives, and the easy yet correct deportment of the members gave me a most favourable impression.

A Dignified Hall for Japan.

What shall I say, however, of the Hall itself in which this august assembly meets. I was greatly disappointed with it. It is a poor imitation of a European Parliament House. In shape, arrangement, lighting, etc., it is all right, but it has a dowdy dismal appearance. The carpets, especially in the lobbies are shabby and of inferior quality. The dark crimson gallery draperies, thick with dust and the members' desks covered with black funeral looking cloth. There is no pleasing harmony of colours. The only bright spot is the reporters' desk with its orthodox green cover. Oh, the pity of it. In a land where art and cleanliness are cardinal virtues, why should this travesty of western style be tolerated?

How much more becoming would a little high class Japanese art have made this dingy chamber. How much more characteristic of the nation would it be if a typical Japanese housewife were admitted for a day or two with her pail and broom. Why should not the whole setting of the country's legislature be in keeping with the charming decorative art of the people they represent? Should a Japanese Raskin ever cross the threshold of the present House his criticisms will be worth heeding.

Women in Japan.

In Japan it is not lawful for a woman to attend a political meeting. A private Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives the other day to remove this disability, but it did not even get through Committee. Mr. Shindo said that the beautiful manners of Japanese women would be corrupted if they went in for politics. He may be right, says the *Japan Chronicle*; but of the men have certainly not stood the strain.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Some Notable Errors.

The best laid schemes of stamp authorities and manufacturers will oft-times go wrong and produce "errors," or freak stamps, which have a curious fascination for the collector. There is scarcely a stamp factory at home or abroad which has not planted some of these curiosities in the albums of collectors as permanent memorials of a workman's momentary lapses, and where "errors" have a market value so far above that of the normal stamps, it is not surprising that some errors are suspected of having been done "accidentally for the purpose" of catering for the demand. Liability to erratic production is perhaps greatest in the lithographic production of stamps; but there is an ample range of historic errors among recess-printed, surface printed, and embossed.

Considering recess-plate printed errors first, our own country has a few notable examples, though in every instance the producer's fault is a minor one. It is only within the past ten years that copies of the penny red stamp of 1841 have been found with the lower, right hand corner letter missing, a variety known as "let red B only." The "B" figures in the left lower corner and an "A" should have appeared in the other corner.

The error occurred on plate 77, and was noted shortly after the plate had been brought into use, so it was sent back and corrected, the corrected plate being re-registered as "77 B." Another error which went without correction during the life of the plate on which it occurred is the 11d stamp of 1870 lettered in the four corners O.P.P.O. instead of C.P.P.O.

A stamp of considerable rarity is the 2d stamp of the 1848 issue of Mauritius, inscribed "Post Paid," in contradistinction to the famous earlier (1847) issue inscribed and known as "Post Office." But scarce as the stamp is, the error in which the value 2d is spelt "two pence" is more than ten times rarer. His Majesty the King has a unique block of five of these 2d stamps, one of the five being the "pence" error. The early stamps of New South Wales, the "Sydney View" and "Eutreated Head" issues, present somewhat similar errors, mainly consisting of letters or words omitted or misspelt.

New Zealand has given us a modern example in the 23d pictorial stamp, the first London-produced edition of which had the name of Lake Wakatipu spelt "Wakitu." Other errors of recent years produced by an eminent London firm were the Virgin Islands stamp of 1899, with the misspellings "fourpence," "halfpenny," and "halfpenny." The same firm, regarded as the most careful and efficient stamp manufacturers in the world, allowed a single sheet of the bi-coloured 7½ stamp of Tonga (1897) to pass with the frame inverted, so that the stamp shows King George II. of Tonga upside down.

There is always a risk with a bi-coloured stamp that the paper may be fed into the press wrongly for the second impression, and the 1869 and 1901 issues of the United States present some of the rarest examples of recess plate printed errors of this kind. Of the 1869 issue, three of the denominations got into circulation with the centres inverted, viz. the 15 cents with the miniature vignette of Vandyke's painting, "The Landing of Columbus," the 24 cents with "Trumbull's Declaration of Independence," and the 30 cents, which bears a composite design of an American eagle upon the shield of the United States, supported at the sides by American flags. The 30 cents is the rarest of the three errors. The 15 cents in its normal condition is priced at 7s used, but £50 is asked for a used copy of the error; the 24 cents is valued at £1 used, while the error costs £40. Of the 30 cents there are probably only two unused copies known to collectors; Mr. Worthington, of Cleveland, has one, and Mr. Dudley Pickman, of Boston, has the other.

Concerning the discovery of a sheet of the 1 cent City of Albany inverted stamp, a New York dealer had an amusing and

STATUE TO PANAMA DE LESSEPS.

Mr. Myron T. Herriock's suggestion that the United States should erect a statue to Ferdinand de Lesseps at the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal is the subject of an eulogistic article in the *Matin* by M. Stephane Luzzanne who, under the heading: "The Statue of Friendship," says:—

"The statue would be the counterpart of that which thousands of navigators have saluted on African soil at the entrance to the Suez Canal."

"Centuries hence other navigators, when they leave the heaving bosom of the Caribbean Sea for the peaceful waters of the Panama Canal, will point out the bronze silhouette on some hill and remark among themselves: 'That man was not only the incarnation of the most marvellous spirit of enterprise the world has known, but also the author of the most formidable material revolution in history. He bridged through continents united oceans and marked land and sea with the ineffaceable stamp of his genius. He served the interests of humanity and farthered civilization.'"

SINGAPORE MUNICIPAL LOAN.

A special meeting of the Municipal Commission was held at the Municipal Office, Singapore, on the 19th inst. Mr. F. J. Hallifax presiding.

The only business before the meeting was the consideration of a resolution to the effect that the proposals in the letter to the Government of the 20th February last be withdrawn and that application be made to the Legislative Council for authority to issue a loan of \$2,500,000 at 4 per cent, being a portion of the projected 4 per cent loan of \$4,500,000 of which \$2,000,000 was sanctioned by the Legislative Council on October 17th, 1913, and that the Board was prepared to accept an offer of 88 per cent, net, exclusive of brokerage, for the said sum of \$2,500,000.

The resolution was moved by the chairman who in answer to a question said there was nothing binding in the negotiations.

Mr. Syed Mahomed Alsaffi seconded the resolution which was unanimously agreed to.

Albania's Stamps.

The *Figaro* understands that the new Albanian postage stamps have arrived at Munich. The design includes a portrait of Skander Beg, the Albanian national hero and champion of Albanian independence.

profitable experience. A letter offering him such a sheet reached him from a small place in Connecticut, and he set out by the first train for the place. The owner was found, and the dealer offered him \$100 (£20) for the sheet. Had he offered a quarter of that sum he might have got it without further trouble, but the larger offer made the prospective vendor hesitate and ultimately decline. The dealer, knowing that in such cases it is no use bargaining, cleared off. Meanwhile the good wife of the owner returned home, to learn that her husband had just declined \$100 for what she considered to be worth no more than 100 cents. She soon made it clear that she was not going to stand idly by while \$100 slipped through her husband's fingers. Said she, "No supper for you; hitch up the horse, and put for the station as fast as the old mare will go." The dealer, who had seven hours to wait for a return train to New York, was found, and got the stamps at his own price. He asked his customers \$10 (£2) each for the stamps, but it was not long before he was ready to buy them back at a double that amount, and to used copy of the error; the 24 cents is valued at £1 used, while the error costs £40. Of the 30 cents there are probably only two unused copies known to collectors; Mr. Worthington, of Cleveland, has one, and Mr. Dudley Pickman, of Boston, has the other.

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SUICIDES IN SHANGHAI.

TWO PAINFUL CASES REPORTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Received March 30.
A painful sensation was created in Shanghai on Saturday evening by the discovery that Captain H.R.H. Thomas, Commander of the "B" Infantry Company of the Volunteers, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle in the country.

The deceased, who was extremely popular, took a prominent part in the life of the Settlement, being much in demand as a singer, and was a very keen Volunteer. He was a native of Thomas Bros. merchants and commission agents, of Szechuen Road.

It is believed that the suicide was the result of business difficulties which the deceased exaggerated.
Another Case.

On the same day Mr. T. Lowe, proof-reader on the staff of the *Shanghai Mercury*, committed suicide by turning out the gas and allowing the fumes to escape.

FRENCH GUNBOAT REFLOATED.

Shanghai, Received March 30.
The French gunboat *D'Iberville*, which ran ashore near Ningpo on the 25th. inst., has been refloated.

"WHITE WOLF'S" STRATEGY.

CITY BURNED; TROOPS DEFEATED.

(Special Pacific Service to the Telegraph—Reuter.)

Peking, Received March 28.
Two thousand troops engaged with "White Wolf" bandits sixty li from Shanghai. The latter retreated through Shanghai, conveying the impression that they were defeated. The troops followed and occupied Shanghai. In the night time, "White Wolf" agents fired the city at many points, resulting in a panic amongst the troops, whom they then attacked and defeated. Five hundred were burned.

The troops are now at Lantien and the brigades are proceeding westward towards Szechuan.
Anti-Foreign Movement.

Hankow, March 26.
A letter from Kingtze-kwan reports that the brigand movement has taken an anti-foreign turn, adopting the principle of "Death to all foreigners and destruction of their property." The Shensi regiment which mutinied some months ago has joined the "White Wolf" and there is terrible devastation along the route towards Shensi.

JAPANESE EMPRESS DOWAGER ILL.

Tokyo, Received March 28.
The Empress Dowager of Japan is ill with heart trouble.

complete work at the end of any particular year being unusually heavy this item would naturally have to figure in the accounts and we have consequently decided to revert to the practice of taking credit for a fair percentage, whatever the amount of work in progress may be.

During the year we have added a new joinershop to our Kowloon establishment and have built additional godowns for the storage of coal, wood, &c. which will lead to more economical working. We have also purchased a new plate roller and drilling machines for the boiler shop and two additional punching machines for the shipyard; these machines are required to cope with the work we are doing and are now in process of being installed.

We have had a complete inventory and valuation of all our loose tools and plant made by Mr. Finlay Miller, and the same gentleman has revalued our floating plant, which has been written down to his figures. During the year we have added one new harbour launch and another is under construction to take the place of two old ones sold at a profit.

Your manager reports that the plant and buildings are in good order and the cost of all maintenance on some has been paid out of earnings, as also the cost of repairing some damage sustained during the August typhoon.

With regard to the dividend we propose to pay, your Directors think that, keeping in view the results of this year's working and our large overdraft at the Bank, it is the most they can recommend and trust it will meet with your approval.

Our thanks are due to all of our European staff for the loyal manner they have worked together, which is most necessary for the satisfactory running of our business.

Before formally proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which you may care to ask. There being no questions I beg to propose the

adoption of the report and accounts as circulated.

Mr. Dunbar said:—In seconding the adoption of the accounts for the past year, I think I voice the feeling of most of the shareholders in saying it is a very acceptable improvement over those the last few years. The heavy repairs, extensions and improvements that have been made to the plant and property were very badly needed and without these additions the management could not show the same favourable results in operations, and with the prospects of considerable shipbuilding, it is necessary the yards be kept up to date. There can be no question as to the future of this company. It is true the docking facilities of Hongkong for some years past have been far in excess of requirements, but when the disturbing elements in China get tired and allow their Government to put their house in order, the wants of China will be enormous and this Company, with its six dry docks, will be in a position to take full advantage, and we hope the time is not far off when we may again see the whole plant in full operation. No one can dispute the fact that the work turned out by this company is well done, showing that under proper supervision the Chinese machinist is a capable man. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts for 1913.

The Chairman:—I have proposed and Mr. Dunbar has seconded the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Those against: Carried unanimously. The other business, gentlemen, is according to the articles of association. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. P. White, retire but being eligible for re-election as directors, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. A. Rodger:—I propose that Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. P. White, the retiring directors, be re-elected.

Mr. Chan Siu-ki:—I have much pleasure in seconding that,

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The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Rodger and seconded by Mr. Chan Siu-ki that Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. P. White be re-elected directors of the company; those in favour please signify. Those against: Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The Hon. Mr. C.B. Ross and Mr. Lieb having resigned on leaving the colony, the Hon. Mr. Landale and Mr. Goetz were invited to join the Board in their places; these appointments require confirmation.

Mr. Jack:—I beg to propose that the Hon. Mr. Landale and Mr. Goetz, their appointment as directors be confirmed.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Jack and seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong that the appointments of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale and Mr. E. Goetz as directors of the Company be confirmed. I will put that to the meeting. Those against: Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—The election of auditors.

Mr. Craddock:—I propose that Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$750 per annum each.

The Hon. Mr. Landale:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Craddock and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Landale that Messrs. H. Percy Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750 each. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Those against: Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen, thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow and may be had on application at the office.

Russia's Foreign Minister.

A telegram from Constantinople to the *Frankfurter Zeitung* states that in well-informed Russian diplomatic circles there it is believed that M. Negiers, the Russian Ambassador, will succeed M. Sazonoff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and that the appointment was to be made towards the end of March.

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New Dockyard.

It is reported that arrangements for the establishment of a small dockyard on Hikoshima, Shimoda, are making good progress. A company is being formed with a capital of Yen 200,000, divided into four thousand shares, of which Yen 2,000 will be offered for public subscription.

The Hokusei Maru.

The Hokusei Maru, which founded at the upper end of the Astoria Channel after collision with the Oriental on March 9, is reported to be rapidly scouring cut, and the vessel is sinking further. When she foundered there was 11 feet of water at low water alongside her stem and 22 feet at her stern. On March 17, the depth had increased to 28 feet at the stern and the sand is still scouring away. It is reported that the owners have not accepted any of the local tenders for raising the ship and have decided to send a salvage steamer from Japan to undertake the work some of the gear having arrived on the Yamashiro-maru on March 19.

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The scheme of inaugurating the Chinsampo-Dairen-Chiefotaku regular steamer service by the "Chosen" Yusen Kaisha has now well matured. It is understood that the Directors' meeting will be held shortly, and that the proposed scheme will be carried into effect in April. The Company has no steamer of over 1,000 tons class available for the service, and, in consequence, one answering the requirement will be chartered temporarily. The Company will, however, eventually place on the service a steamer of 2,000 tons class now under construction at the Osaka Iron Works.

New Industry.

One of the most interesting of the new industries secured for the Manchester Ship Canal during the past year was that of the importation of whale oil, which is now a successful industry in connection with the manufacture of soap. After a voyage from the South Shetland Islands the sailing vessel Alenco recently berthed at Run-corn, and will this week complete the discharge of her cargo of 8,000 casks of oil. The whaling season of 1913 eclipsed all records, the total yield of oil for the world being estimated at 800,000 casks, representing approximately 160,000 tons.

Coast Guard Captains' Retire.

The retirement of three captains from the coast guard service and the laying up of the cutter Scout has been announced at the Custom house at Manila. Captain Harrison of the Scout, Captain Harrison and Captain Hugo W. Borin, of the cutter Ranger, are those relieved from further service. Captain Mielo of the cutter Samar will take command of the Ranger relieving Captain Borin, who has been ordered to Manila for retirement. Captain Anderson, unassigned, will go to the Samar, relieving Captain Mielo. Captain Wetherell of the Polillo has been transferred to the Rizal and Captain Cameron of the Basilan will take his place on the Polillo. Captain Hillgrove, now in charge of the yard, will take the Basilan. All the unassigned men, it was announced, are to be retired and the enlisted men resigned to fill the vacancies.

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Metropolitan Dock.....	465'	85'	20'	2' 6"
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Hors Dock.....	430'	84'	23'	2' 6"
LAURENCE Dock.....	333'	64'	10'	2' 6"

Telephone No. 28, Hongkong.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

OFFICE:

Commercial.

Cotton Crop Estimates.
In respect to raw cotton, the American crop outlook has improved the prospective yield being now placed at fourteen-and-a-half million bales. Although it was at one time feared that Egypt's total crop would not exceed seven million cantars, a telegram has now come to hand announcing that the arrivals to date at Alexandria aggregate 8,879,652 cantars. It appears, therefore, as though after all the crop will reach the original estimate of seven-and-a-half million cantars. It is reported that the Asiatic-Russian crop is poor in quality, and that owing to the failure of the later monsoon, the East Indian crop will fall far below its earlier promise. Since the beginning of the present year, spinners of home American yarn have met with no encouragement. The general demand has been poor, and smaller profits have been secured. In some instances spinners are holding out for better prices, although as far as the continent is concerned the demand is by no means brisk. While there was some decline in cotton requirements in certain parts of Europe during the last three or four months of 1913, that year will be remembered for its bumper consumption, not only in America, but in Russia and Japan. Now that the contraction of trade has actually set in, there is much speculation as to the probable extent of the reduction this year in the consumption of cotton. In some quarters the falling off is expected to be at least 2,000,000 bales, of which American cotton would form 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 bales. Be that as it may, the industry will have to face a far less prosperous period than last year, and that being the case the investing public must be prepared for smaller returns as the outcome of operations for the current twelve months.

In a Gale.

During the severe gale on the river on March 6, the O.M. river steamer Kiangshin, which was at Ngankin, had her sun-decks blown away and smashed and the boat deck strained by the force of the wind.

Consignment

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship
"BENVOIRICH"
From MIDDLESBRO, LONDON,
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 10th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd prox. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will counter-signed by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents,
Hongkong, 27th Mar., 1914.

INTO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

From CALCUTTA, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship.

"KUTSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon the 30th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1914.

Consignees

TOYO KISEN KAISHA
s.s. "NIPPON MARU,"
From SAN FRANCISCO, via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
and SHANGHAI.

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on Monday 30th March at noon will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered on Friday 3rd April, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown and examination of same to be held on Monday 6th April.

All Claims must be filed on or before Friday 10th April, otherwise they will not be recognised.

S. MORIMOTO,
Agent,
Hongkong, 27th Mar., 1914. [1136]

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,
LIMITED, COPENHAGEN.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ARABIAN,"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless information is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd of April, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd of April, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 9th of April, 1914, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.
MELCHERS & CO.
Gen'l Agents,
Hongkong, 26th Mar., 1914. [1182]

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG ROPE
MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE 30TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1914, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1913, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 26th March to Tuesday, the 31st March, 1914, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 18th March, 1914.

THE CHINA BORNEO CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE Eleventh Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building at Noon on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1914 to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1913 and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st April to 15th April, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD.
W. G. DARBY,
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Public Companies

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY
LIMITED.

THE Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12 noon on Monday, 6th April to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1913, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 26th instant to 6th prox. both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd Mar., 1914.

Notices

NOTICE.

L. G. T. SWASEY announces to the public that he will be responsible for no bills contracted under any circumstances by Mrs. Swasey.

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MR. LI HON PAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write "o" "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to 37 Hollywood Road, 1st floor, Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1912.

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QINACOMMERIAL Co., 30 Duddell St.

Banks

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Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York
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BRANCHES: —
Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.
Capital and Surplus: Gold \$200,000,000
equal to £40,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.

BILLS NEGOTIATED and COLLECTED.
MAILS and TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made.

Managers,
George Hoag,
Queens Road, Hongkong.
HONGKONG, 1st April, 1914.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 18,550,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches: —
Antung-Hsien, Beijing, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Agencies at: —
Nagasaki, Newchwang, Peking, Port Arthur, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest Allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF
INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND
CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,700,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWETT,
Acting Manager,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT
LOAN AND MORTGAGE
CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up £1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise; Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE Office of
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF
WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c.,
Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [3]

PEAK TRAMWAY CO.
LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. EVERY 15 MIN.
8.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
12.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
6.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
7.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.

NIGHT CARS.
8.30 P.M. to 9.30 P.M. EVERY 15 MIN.
9.30 P.M. to 11.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
11.00 P.M. to 12.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.

SUNDAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. EVERY 15 MIN.
8.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 A.M. " 15 MIN.
12.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
6.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.
7.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. " 15 MIN.

NIGHT CARS: as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.
Extra Cars at 11 midnight.
SPECIAL CARS
By Arrangement at the Company's Office,
Alexandra Building.

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital £15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS:

Sterling £15,000,000

Silver £17,650,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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of 2 per cent. per annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per
annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per
annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per
annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above
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BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ Per Cent. per annum.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

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Dresdner Bank.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSHEIDT
Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund 463,000

BANKERS:
Bank of England,
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T/T Demand 1/11 1/8	197
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60 d/s 1/11 1/4	On Saigon 3 1/4 pm
4 m/s 1/11 5/16	On Bangkok 79 1/2
T/T Shanghai 74	Buying.
Private 30 d/s eight Shai 74 1/2	4 m/s L/O 1/11 1/8
T/T Singapore 85 1/2	4 m/s D/P 1/11 5/8
T/T Japan 94 1/2	6 m/s L/O 1/11 5/8
T/T India 144	30 d/s Sney & Melbourne 113 1/4
T/T Bombay 144	30 d/s San Fco & New York 47 1/4
Demand Bombay 144 1/2	4 m/s Marks 2.01 1/2
T/T Calcutta 144	1 m/s France 2.48
Demand Calcutta 144 1/2	6 m/s do 2.50
Demand India 144 1/2	Bar Silver ready 26 3/4
Demand Manila 95	forward 26 3/4
T/T San Fco & New York 46 1/2	Gold Leaf per tael 54.10
T/T Java 115 1/2	Bank of England rate 10.30
	Sovereign 10.30

Subsidiary Coins.
Discount per \$100.
Chinese 20 cts. pieces 112 3/8 %
Chinese 10 " 112 1/4
Hongkong 20 " 85 1/4
Hongkong 10 " 87 1/2

TO-DAY'S SHARE REPORT.
SELLERS SA-SALEY BUYERS N-NOMINAL.

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE. BANKS. CLOSING QUOTATION.

Hongkong & Shanghai 125 1/2 \$810 7/8
Canton 50 330 a.
North China 25 1142 b.

Unions 100 1845 a.
Yangtzes 250 4205 b.

China Fires 20 1145 a.
Hongkong Fires 50 1368 a.
China & Manilla 25 181 b.
Douglas Steamship 50 136 s.

Steamboats 15 428 1/2 s.
Indo-China (Preferred) 25 171
(Deferred) 101/6 b.

"Shell" Transports 21 211 b.

"Star Ferry" 10 449

China Sugars 100 184 b.
Luzon Sugars 100 128 a.

Chinese Engineerings 21 37.6
Tronohs 21 36/- a.
Rauha 21 43 b.

Kowloon Wharves 50 485
H.K. & W'poo Docks 50

